

If I Was Home Again - song lyrics

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IF I WAS HOME AGAIN.

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I've been from home for many a year, and struggled hard with life,
And I've shed many a bitter tear, and had my snare of strife;
I left my mother, aged and gray, I thought she tried to strain
My foolish steps, but now I pray for her And home again.

Chorus.

I left my mother and dear friends, 'tis now I feel the pain.
And I wonder If they'd know me now if I'd go home again?

How oft I took that little babe, a sister dear to me.
And sang for her sweet childish songs and danced her on my knee;
I'd take her to the window oft, to see the pattering rain-
I wonder if she'd know me now if I went home again?-Chorus.

How sad I feel whenever I think of many a pearly tear
That trickled down my mother's cheek, when answered with a sneer;
I'd like to recall those wrongs, but wishing is all in vain-
Still I know that she would love me as of old if I went home again.-Chorus